

REMARKS-General

1. The newly drafted independent claim 2 incorporates all structural limitations of the original claim 1 and includes further limitations previously brought forth in the disclosure. No new matter has been included. All claims 1-2 are submitted to be of sufficient clarity and detail to enable a person of average skill in the art to make and use the instant invention, so as to be pursuant to 35 USC 112.

Response to Rejection of Claim 1 under Obviousness Double Patenting

2. The applicant submits a terminal disclaimer herewith, in compliance with 37CFR1.321(c), to disclaim the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of copending Application No. 09/882,580, in order to overcome the rejection of the claims 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 of the U.S. copending Application No. 09/882,580.

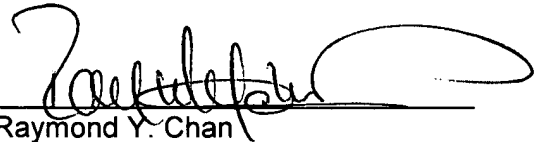
The Cited but Non-Applied References

3. The cited but not relied upon references have been studied and are greatly appreciated, but are deemed to be less relevant than the relied upon references.

4. In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are requested. Allowance of claims 1-2 at an early date is solicited.

5. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed in order to place the application in condition for allowance, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

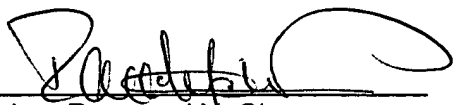


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